



The Port Wheel

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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Club Meetings each Wednesday
 Check the program on page 2 for details 6pm start.

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Tonight we had our first one hour business meeting with an optional meal afterwards. Members were able to discuss their thoughts and ideas for the upcoming weeks and months. All members are encouraged to share their ideas for improvements we can make to ensure our clubs currency and appeal to a new diverse membership. Tonights International toast was from Gerald Haynes and was to the R C Fishkill in New York. They are a breakfast club that is heavily involved with 2 out-reach programs to help the homeless and provide warm winter coats for disadvantaged children

Club Service—Please see attached April program. Sargents are doing a great job—thank you. BIG thank you to Kerry Medway for creating our bulletin each week. Having had a couple of goes, I can appreciate the time and effort Kerry has made over many years. An observation I have made over the past couple of months is that attendance is dwindling. I appreciate many of us have been unwell and some not zoom orientated. With the new rules for Panthers i.e. minimum 20 members for a \$28 dinner meeting I am open to any ideas people have on how we can motivate people to attend. Happy to receive your thoughts, so that I can take them to the next board meeting. Would also like some feedback on the format of the programs that you wish to be a part of for the future.

Vocational Service—Upcoming vocational visit to Hastings Secondary College, to view the club sponsored **STEM** hubs. Interest has been shown for possible visits to Garden Village, Sea Acres or lunch with Uncle Bill, Newman College, and a speaker to talk about the Melbourne Cup—A bookies yarn or two! A lot of interest was received following the visit to Hastings Funerals and the preparation for your final departure, Neil Porter has secured all the info you need to know in advance and plan for your big day.

Community Service—The future of our books and how we manage the enormity of such a successful program was raised and the need for a meeting to seek members input. Phil Perry asked for a show of hands to support the recommencement of Bunning BBQ's. Lots of support was seen. The Golf Day will go ahead in September more to come on this. More volunteers are needed for help with Meals on Wheels. 4 days a month. Contact Bob Cleland if you are interested. Expressions of interest will be called for in respect of the clubs delegate to the Rotary Community Centre, following the resignation of Elizabeth Fielding.

International Service—the major focus of the International program is Nepal with the construction of the new hospital about to start this month. The Global grant for the mobile Xray machine and ECG has been funded. Debbie's Dummies to recommence as soon as we have sufficient funds and covid permits. The District grant to support Uganda has been paid and is on target. President Henry Nsamba to address our club April 27th

Youth Service—We were treated to an outstanding Science Night and look forward to hearing from our RYLA candidates on completion of their program. We have had to change one of the candidates as Georgia was not able to take the week off work this time. RYPEN went ahead last weekend with 60 participants. Congrats to the committee for a successful restart to this program.

NEXT WEEK—Meeting is on Tuesday 12th when we travel to Wauchope

RSL commemorate our AN-ZAC's together with the Rotary Club of Wauchope. RSVP pamoxy@gmail.com \$25pp 2 course meal. 6 for 6.15pm



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Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Community Spotlite	InterToast	Sergeant
April 12th	Anzac at Wauchope RSL	_____	Wauchope & Laurieton	_____	_____	_____	_____
April 20th	Port Macquarie Combined Probus	Pamela Williams	Bob Cleland	Terry Crossley	_____	Glenda Barber	Neil Porter
April 27th	International Zoom	President Henry Nsamba Uganda	Deb Loveday	_____	_____	_____	Kerry Medway

APRIL



Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. Rotary expands access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of 5 years, die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care and poor sanitation—these can be prevented. Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother to infant HIV transmission, how to breast feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. Rotary makes amazing things happen like Mobile prenatal clinics, Cancer screening and Preventing injuries and death. (<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>)

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End Polio Now Fundraiser film The Duke—hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Laurieton and Wauchope. DG David and Heather, Diana Gammon and myself supported the End Polio Film night on Thursday. We enjoyed pre film drinks and nibbles. The event was well supported. The film The Duke is based on a true story of the theft of the portrait of the Duke of Wellington in the UK in 1961. It stars Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren and I rate the film 4* as it was a bit slow in the beginning. Fabulous

British humour right through to the end. Well worth watching.

Paediatric Unit Upgrade PMBH—Our club has partnered with President Steve Towle of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West to support the proposed upgrade to the Paediatric ED Unit being established at PMBH. The cost of the project is \$65,000. Bob Cleland has initiated an application to the RACG (Rotary Compassionate Grants program to match \$15,000 donated by our cluster Rotary Clubs. The objective is to provide artwork and to repaint the unit with bright colours. The current clinical white walls provide a negative experience for kids arriving in the Emergency Department. Children being brought to the ED together with their parents will receive more effective treatment with the distraction of this artwork and colour. They will feel separated from the usual trauma associated with a Hospital's ED experience.



Apr 27th Zoom meeting with President Henry Nsamba of the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe—will showcase the work being done in support of the Malaria Project. Our club has partnered with this club in Uganda. We received a district grant of \$4000 and our club put in \$600. Other monies have come from Uganda. The first phase of the project has been completed and we will receive an update of what has happened in April.

Club News

9/10 PETS Port Macquarie @ CSU

12 Apr—Transfer meeting to Wauchope—ANZAC commemorative night Please let President Frank know if you attending \$25pp 2 course meal. 6pm for 6.15pm



APR 15-18
EASTER BREAK

APR 20— Dinner meeting @ Panthers with Pamela Williams and members of the Combined Probus Club of Port Macquarie. We sponsored this club!

APR 27— ZOOM meeting with President Henry Nsamba who will be joining us from the R C Kampala Kawempe. Speaking about our joint Malaria Project.

MAY 4—One hour business meeting, optional dinner afterwards.

MAY 11—Dinner Meeting Panthers Speaker TBC

MAY 18—**Vocational Visit** to Hastings Secondary Campus to see the STEM hubs we sponsored.

MAY 22—District Assembly—CSU Port Macquarie All 2022-2023 board members and future board members to attend.

MAY 25 Dinner Meeting Panthers Advanced Care Planning with Graeme Mooney from Coffs Harbour

JUN 1- One hour business meeting, optional dinner afterwards.

Birthdays - April 2022

9/04 - Gai Nixon
18/04 - Mary Oxley
29/04 - Debbie Loveday

Anniversaries April 2022

11/04 - Frank & Patricia Urban
19/04 - John & Mary Oxley

Inspirational Quote of the Week

By Frank Moxon

"Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprung from".

Oliver Wendell Holmes